GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3743
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2001
POWS
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prisoners of war are lodged in Sindh forts in Pakistan as reported in the Dainik Jagran dated October 2, 2001; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)&(b) There are 54 Indian POWs believed to be in the custody of Pakistan.While Government have been consistently taking up the issue of their release and repatriation, the Government of Pakistan has never acknowledged the presence of any POW in its custody.